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LOBBYISTS FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

Olympia – Vice-Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Susan Brady, found ten lobbyists in violation of provisions of the Open Government Act during brief enforcement hearings held today in Olympia.

Brady cited the lobbyists for late filing of the Lobbyist Monthly Expense Report after each lobbyist had received a warning letter. A second letter with an offer to stipulate to a violation and pay a civil penalty in lieu of an enforcement hearing was also sent to each lobbyist prior to the formal hearing.

The Lobbyist Monthly Expense Report (PDC form L-2) is required to be filed by the 15th of the month covering activity in the preceding calendar month.

The following lobbyists were cited:

Clifton Finch, employed by the Association of Washington Business, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$150 for one missing report.

Gail Love, employed by the Communication Workers of America Local 7810, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for one late filed report.

Alan Mount Joy-Venning, employed by Friends Committee on Washington State Public Policy, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty for one late filed report of \$100 with \$50 suspended based on no violations of RCW 42.17.170 for one year.

James McMahan, employed by the Associated Students of Washington State University, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$500 for three missing reports.

Nicole Paquette, employed by the Animal Protection Institute, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$300 for two missing reports.

Benjamin Medina, employed by the Associated Students of the University of Washington, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$500 for four missing reports.

Janis Avery, employed by Treehouse, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$300 for two missing reports.

David Della, employed by United Way of King County, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for one late filed report.

Rachel Hien, employed by the March of Dimes - Western Washington Chapter, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$100 for one late filed report.

Rhonda Weaver, employed by Comcast, was found in violation of state law and assessed a civil penalty of \$400 based on previous and current late reporting with \$100 suspended upon the condition that future reports are filed timely.

“The reporting of lobbying activity has been part of state law for almost 30 years”, Brady said. “Failure to file the required report after two warnings is inexcusable.”

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